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SUBJECT: KING HASSAN'S JUNE 17 SPEECH: SPANISH SAHARA, NATIONAL
DEFENSE

AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

1. IN JUNE 17 SPEECH TO HIGH COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION
(PROMOTION NATIONALE) AND PLANNING DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO ECONOMIC
SUBJECTS, KING HASSAN SPOKE BRIEFLY ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND
SAHARA PROBLEM AND ON LOCAL ELECTIONS.

2. SAHARA AND NATIONAL DEFENSE: KING'S TONE ON SAHARA SOLEMN.
HE EQUATED SAHARA CAMPAIGN WITH INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE AND
SAID MOROCCAN MARTYRS WOULD HAVE COMPENSATION RESERVED FOR
COMPANIONS OF THE PROPHET. "I WOULD EVEN SAY," HE WENT ON,
"AND I WEIGH MY WORDS WELL, THAT IF WE DO NOT RECOVER OUR
SAHARA, I WOULD BE PESSIMISTIC AS TO THE FUTURE OF MOROCCO AS A
COMMUNITY AND AS A STATE." AS IN PAST, KING REITERATED HIS
PREFERENCE FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO PROBLEM AS EXEMPLIFIED BY
HIS ICJ INITIATIVE. AT SAME TIME, HE NOTED THAT MOROCCO FACED

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NOT SIMPLY "ONE STATE SEEKING TO AVOID SHAME BEFORE CONSCIENCE

OF WORLD AND HISTORY, BUT NUMEROUS INTERFERENCES AND VARIOUS AMBITIONS (GREEDS) WHICH WILL STAND IN OUR WAY AND HINDER OUR PROGRESS."

3. KING EXHORTED PLANNERS TO PLAN AND AT SAME TIME TO THINK OF WAYS OF PRESERVING NATIONAL PATRIMONY. SUCH PRESERVATION, HE SAID, MEANS ABOVE ALL TO GIVE ARMY ALL EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO DISCHARGE ITS DUTIES.

4. LOCAL ELECTIONS: KING ONCE MORE SAID THAT REGIONAL ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD IN NEAR FUTURE. HE ADDED THAT MEMBERS OF NEW REGIONAL COUNCILS WOULD BE GIVEN "NEW RESPONSIBILITIES" BUT DID NOT ELABORATE.

5. COMMENT: KING'S ENGAGEMENT OF HIS FUTURE IN SAHARA CAMPAIGN GROWS AND HIS DISENCHANTMENT WITH ALGERIANS CONTINUES. NEUMANN

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